

associate professor of zoology, University of California; and Dr. Ira L. Wiggins, professor of biology, Stanford University.

According to the Constitution, additional nominations may be made to the Secretary in writing by ten or more Corporate Members on or before September 15. If no such additional nominations are made, at the annual meeting of the Academy the Secretary will cast the unanimous ballot of the Corporate Members for the ticket reported by the Nominating Committee.

STATUE TO REPLACE POOL

THE FAMOUS DOLPHIN statue by Robert Howard, which was an attraction at the 1940 Treasure Island exposition, is to be removed from storage and installed in the central court of the Academy.

The two stylized, black terrazzo dolphins, with water spouting from their heads, will be the centerpiece in a shallow pool which will replace the seal pool. Installation of the fountain has been undertaken cooperatively by the Academy, the Art Commission and the Recreation and Park Department. Work is scheduled to begin early in October.

"SCIENCE IN ACTION" RETURNS

"SCIENCE IN ACTION" will present program number 236 when it returns to the air Monday, September 17, to begin its seventh year.

The achievements of "Science in Action" through the past six years can be measured in various ways: fan mail received, total number of viewers week by week, awards and honors received. But the most meaningful yardstick to the writing staff is the growing shelf of books behind executive producer Benjamin Draper's desk. Bound volumes of "Science in Action" scripts have passed the six-foot mark.

The first program in the new series will be "Space Communications," featuring guest scientist Dr. John Granger of Stanford Research Institute. The television series, which is sponsored by American Trust Company, is seen over KRON-TV, Mondays, 7 to 7:30 P. M.

NEW MEMBERS

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS were elected by the Council at its meeting of August 9, 1956:

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Douglas C. Cowles
Mr. Milton Crane
Mr. Forrest B. Davidson
Mr. A. Warren Larson
Miss Catherine H. Meyer
Dr. Leo R. Pedemont
Mr. Ted Sizemore
Mr. Richard G. Torre
Mr. Donald G. Treadway

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

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ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

University of California at Riverside

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Harvey Budgett
Marvin Claudio

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September Announcement

THE REGULAR SEPTEMBER MEETING of the California Academy of Sciences will be held at 8:15 P. M., Wednesday, September 12, in the May Treat Morrison Auditorium. Two motion pictures from the Walt Disney "true life adventure" series will be shown:

"NATURE'S HALF ACRE"

AND

"SEAL ISLAND"

"Nature's Half Acre" is an engrossing nature drama depicting the continuity of life in birds, plants and insects through the four seasons. The result of patient camera work by fifteen naturalist-photographers, it spotlights the dramatic interdependence of one life upon another and nature's master plan of providing for all.

The second film, "Seal Island," was the first in the Disney series of "true life adventure" nature classics. A fascinating, authentic story of drama and humor played against the rugged background of the Pribilof Islands. This film was shown at the Academy shortly after it came out, but numerous Academy members who saw it then have requested it be brought back. There is no doubt in our minds that a large share of the credit for its excellence goes to Dr. G. Dallas Hanna, curator of the Academy's Department of Geology. Dr. Hanna, who early in his career spent seven years studying the fur seals of the Pribilof Islands, served as a consultant on the script.

COMING LECTURES

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING, the annual meeting of the Academy, to be held Wednesday, October 3, will feature an Audubon Screen tour lecture, "Land of the Scarlet Macaw," by Ernest P. Edwards. This will be the first of a series of five screen tour lectures which will be presented as Walter B. Scaife Foundation lectures on the beauties of nature. Others in the series will be: "Cypress Kingdom" by Alexander Sprunt, Jr., on December 6; "Animals at Night in Color" by Howard Cleaves on January 23; "Between Tides" by Robert C. Hermes on February 13; and "Hawaii, U. S. A." by Fran William Hall on March 20.

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MORRIS ELDEN MORGAN
1919-1956

THE DEATH of Morris Morgan on August 20, 1956, at the age of 37, brought to an untimely end a career of brilliant promise, and brought deep sadness to his many friends in many places in the world.

Morris Morgan was a big man in every sense of the word. He was tall, handsome, vigorous, good-humored, and full of fun. He could turn a phrase, and find something to laugh at in every situation. He appeared robust and carried himself with the easy grace of an athlete. Only a few people knew that five years of military service in the South Pacific and the Orient had undermined his health, and that he suffered from a service-incurred disability which grew

progressively worse. He resolutely continued work, and was at his desk at the Academy up to the afternoon of the very day he was rushed to the hospital in what proved to be his final illness. And he took a manuscript with him to work on in the hospital!

Morris Morgan was born March 12, 1919, at Draper, Utah, where he received his elementary education and where he was graduated from the Jordan High School. He obtained his Bachelor's degree at Utah Agricultural College, Logan, Utah, in 1940 and took postgraduate work there the following year. In April of 1941 he joined the Marine Corps, saw service with the First Marine Division on Palmyra and in the Marshall Islands, and was 30 months overseas before his first furlough home. He was sent to North China in 1945, was invalided home in 1946, and was discharged from the Marines in 1947 with the rank of Captain, returning to a civilian life characterized by driving energy and perennial ill health.

He spent two years at the University of Hawaii, where he obtained his Master's degree. In July of 1951 he joined the staff of the California Academy of Sciences as Supervisor of its Student Section. Subsequently he was assigned wider responsibilities, including management of the Ralston White Memorial Estate and arrangement of the Academy's monthly lecture program.

In 1953 he took a year's leave of absence and, accompanied by his wife, Marjorie, and three small daughters, set out for a year's study in Germany, chiefly at the University of Munich. He also visited France, Holland, Denmark, Austria, Switzerland and Italy, and looked in on many of the marine biological stations of Europe.

Returning to the Academy in 1954, he was appointed to the post of Research Biologist, and thereafter devoted himself to the investigation of the behavior of several species of fish under controlled conditions, especially their reactions to temperature changes. He had completed a paper on this, all except a few minor revisions, and this was the manuscript he took with him to the hospital.

Just before his final illness Mr. Morgan had been offered a responsible position with the Office of Naval Research, a position he was unable to accept because of the condition of his health.

We take such small comfort as we can when a gifted young scientist is cut down in mid-stride. Morris Morgan packed more living into 37 years than most people do in three score and ten.

1956 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ON AUGUST 13 the Nominating Committee of the California Academy of Sciences filed with the Secretary of the Academy a report of its nominations.

Nominated for five-year terms on the Board of Trustees are: Mr. Eugene D. Bennett, partner, Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro, San Francisco; Mr. Edward E. Hills, president, Hills Brothers Coffee, Inc., San Francisco; and Mr. George Stimmel, general manager, Crocker Estate Co., San Francisco.

Nominated for three-year terms on the Council are: Mr. Walter L. Huber, civil engineer, Huber and Knapik, San Francisco; Dr. A. Starker Leopold,